THE CONDITIONS IN GUAM

General Wheeler's Report to the Navy Department.

The People Display Great Friendliness Toward Americans-Natural Products of the Island-Little Money in Circulation-The Lepers Scattered - Extravagant Legends.

General Joe Wheeler's report on the situation in the Island of Guam, which he inspected while en route to San Francisco from Manila, was made public by the Navy Department today and says in part:

"I cannot learn that the Island of Guan has ever been surveyed, but its area may be stated at about 150 square miles, one half of which, it is estimated, is susceptible of cultivation. Nearly all of the land is still virgin soil, my information being that trial, was produced in the Howard County only about 1 per cent is now under cul-

"The population is about 9,000 souls," nearly all of whom reside in the towns. The land which is regarded as arable is very fertile, producing cocoanuts, oranges, lemons, cacao, rice, corn, sugar-cane, having an appearance of thrift and bearing power superior to those I have seen in any other part of the tropics. Deer and wild goats are found in abundance.

"The road from Agana to the north of the island passes through an especially fertile country. In this section there is a large table land, and where clearings have been made, the ranches are in a good state of cultivation. All other parts of this table-land are covered with a very thick jungle, which can with difficulty be penetrated by a man on foot. The dugdug and other bread fruit trees grow to enormous size. "The belief in spirits inhabiting forests

"The belief in spirits inhabiting forests and lonely places, is widely spread throughout the islands of the Pacific. In Samoa they are called 'Aitu,' in Guam 'Gente del Monte,' or people of the woods, often described as being headless, and jumping on the backs of people going through the woods at night, as did the devils upon the saints of old. They are supposed to frequent especially the vicinity of Banyan trees, and of prehistoric remains, called 'Latda.'

"Flying foxes are numerous. They fly in full daylight, flapping their wings slowly, like a crow. They are eaten generally, and are one of the usual staples of food.

"Centipedes and wasps are common, both of the case and identified a number of the statement at the finding of the red the statement at the finding of the statement at the finding of the red the statement at the finding of the statement at the finding of

the spiders are very large, but none is dangerous. There are no tarantulas.

"The only industry of any consequence in the Island of Guam, is the production and exportation of copra. The price received by the natives for copra, from the traders buying it on the island, ranges from \$3 to \$4. Mexican, per hundredweight. These merchants receive about double the above price for the product, in January is England, copra sells for \$75 per

In England, copra sells for \$75 per

ton, gold.

"There is a very good road between the landing of Piti on to Agana, and for two miles beyond along the coast to the northwest. To the north of Umata, along the east side of the island, the roads are only paths. The road across the Island, from Agana to Page, is fairly good. All the roads, except the one from Piti through Agana, become very bad in the wet season, but as all the towns are on the eoast, communication by sea is the wet season, but as all the towns are on the coast, communication by sea is always available. In Agaia probably half the houses are built of stone; the other houses are of nipa and bamboo, very much like the houses in Luzon.

"The people were very cordial and friendly. At every town we entered we were met by the leading men of the place—at two places with United Sistes flags flying, while flags were used men of the

—at two places with United States flags flying, white flags were upon many of the houses, belis were rung, and other efforts were made by the natives to manifest regard for the Americans. I saw a few people who I was informed were pure Chamorres, and they improved me very favorably. Their features were regular; their forms erect, and they were in all respects fine physical specinens.

"There is very little money on the island. Wages are very low. The teacher at Umata had a nice school of little chil-

at Umata had a nice school of little children, and his pay was only three peacs, equal to \$1.50 gold per month. I understand that the pay has been, or is about to be, increased to \$5 Mexican per month.

'A short distance north of Agana is the are industrious and peaceable. Most ex-travagant legends exist as to the former density of the population of this and other islands. Some Spanish writers assert that the population of the Island of Guam alone travagant legends exist as to the former density of the population of this and other islands. Some Spanish writers assert that the population of the Island of Guam alone day. March 17. It was accompanied by at one time was as much as 30,000. The reports of Padre Sanvictees have been quoted to sustain these large estimates. reports of Padre Sanvictes have been quoted to sustain these large estimates. He says that during the first year of his labors he baptized 13,000 people and converted 20,000, but these statements, like the others to which allusion has been made, are certainly very much overrated. In 1863 the population was reckoned at 5,-610, of which 4.824 were on Guam, 335 on Rota, 18 on Tinian, and 435 on Saypan, the other islands being uninhabited.

"In 1873 it was stated that in the southwest part of Guam the people were much afflicted with leprosy, but this affliction now seems to be much less than formerly When the Spaniards left, there were similaring in the hospital at Asan. All but one



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of these were allowed to leave, and are supposed to be scattered over the island. I saw one man in Merizo who had the ap-pearance of a leper, and at Pago I met a man who was a pronounced leper. people do not seem to dread the disease, and many contend that it is not communi-cated to well persons by ordinarly daily

ssociation.
"Agana contains the principal part of the nhabitants of the Marianas and bears the Agana, but it is a small town of about

6,400 inhabitants.

"Our party spent a night at Ynarajan, and was received with the most marked hospitality. We were met by the leading citizens as we approached, and it was touching to see the efforts of all the people to show respect to the American Government. Guns were fired, bells, rung, and the little son of the town governor walked by my side playing the accordeon."

TESTIMONY AGAINST WYATT.

Trial of the Man Charged With Slaying Captain Caulk.

ELLICOTT CITY, Md., March 28 .- A great mass of damaging testimony, in addition to that of the opening day of the Court yesterday against Robert T. Wyatt, charged with the murder of Capt. Oliver M. Caulk on board his sloop Dream, of St Michael's.

and the defence outlined a plea of temporary insanity from drinking liquor. The threats made by Wyatt against Captain Caulk, was not shaken by sharp examina tion conducted by counsel for the defence The case went over for another day, the defence having a number of other wit

nesses to produce.

Capt. Edward L. Jones, of St. Michael's, took the remains of Captain Caulk from Rock Creek to Baltimore. He found the badly charred body of the captain on the Sunday morning after the murder. He recognized the partly burned vessel as the Dream, owned by Captain Caulk. "I could not recognize the said, "any clothing." not recognize," he said, "any clothing either of Captain Caulk or his colored deck

hand, whom I also knew well."
Capt. Edward H. Burroughs corroborated the statement at the finding of the remains and testified to taking them to Bal-

like a crow. They are eaten generally, and are one of the usual staples of food.

"Centipedes and wasps are common, both indoors and out. There is a small scorpion. The stings of none of these are dangerous. Spiders are common. Some of the spiders are very large, but none is dangerous. There are no tarantulas.

"The only industry of any consequence in the Island of Guam, is the production and exportation of copra. The price re-

Other witnesses examined by the State were Policeman Marion D. Caulk, of Bal-St. Michael's, who heard Wyatt make va rious threats against the life of Capta culating reports about Wyatt keeping a "rum mill" and "gambling den," because of which reports. Wyatt said, his parents had driven him from home.

Nicholas W. Bryan and George W. Saf-field, both of Annapolis, were present, they said, when Wyatt was arraigned in Annapolis court and heard him make a

The first two witnesses put up by the wife and the second for assaulting his witnesses included Emmett Jackson, Wil liam J. Purner, John Thompson, Joseph White, jr., Robert McQuinn, Thomas Col lins, and Jesse Ledaum. Owen C. Norris

DEATH SHIELDS A MYSTERY.

The Demise of a Well-Known Brook. lyn Man While in Florida.

NEW YORK, March 28.-There is some toms and methods of dress and have quite the appearance of American Indians. They in Brooklyn, and was visiting Florida duty of the Commissioners to define a pe-"Bess" McLaughlin.

> certificate that he had died of heart fail-ure. Andrew J. Curran, an undertaker, had been employed to take charge of the that it was not planned to have the funeral services for several days, he decided that the body would have to be embalmed, and he had it taken from the casket, where it lay surrounded by orange blossoms. Under the head he found a piece of bloodstained gauze. He made an examination of the body and found a deep wound in the scalp in the back of the head and an indentation half an inch deep. It seemed to have been caused by a heavy blow. It was such a wound as might have been made either by a fali or a blow from some heavy, blunt instrument. An autopsy was held, and, in the opinion of the doctors, the wound caused death. An under sheriff sent a message to Fire Chief Nevins, who had returned to Florida, asking for a capaciton. He finally replied explanation. He finally replied: Dr. Roach, of Brooklyn, will send you

> detailed report concerning Henderson.
> did not know of the cut on his head
> ntil I had returned to Florida. There
> nothing wrong about Henderson's

This despatch was unsatisfactory to Henderson's relatives and to the under-sherif, and the case has been put in the hands of Judge William D. Veeder, who, acting for Mrs. Henderson, is to make an nevestigation. The autopsy which was performed on Henderson's body did not lisclose any sign of heart disease, and it is the general opinion that death, if it was due to the wound on the head, as the doctors think, was the result of an acci-dent which his friends in Florida did not want to make public.

want to make public.

Accused of Mail Robbery, PETERSBURG, Va., March 28.-Wash gion Walker, colored, a mail carrier be ween Forrest Hill and Egerton, in Bruns wick county, has been arrested on the the Camp Manufacturing Company, Frank lin, Va. The accused, who has confessed the theft of the letter, has been committee

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George W. Evans Expresses the Opinion That the District Commissioners Can and Should at Once Rescind the Order Regarding Dogs-The Law Quoted in Full.

George W. Evans, one of the leaders of he anti-muzzle movement, which is is beng pushed by so many citizens of the Dis ict, in discussing the probabilities of a revocation of the ordinance this morning. abolish the muzzles at any time is within the jurisdiction of the District Commis-

While Commissioner Wight claims that will be necessary to repeal the law," be muzzled is left entirely to the Com-

Mr. Evans quoted the muzzling law. which reads as follows:

"Whenever it shall be made to appear to the Commissioners that there are good to the Commissioners that there are good treated hospitably by the Boers, being given an opportunity to visit all the battlefields are even to see several battles from the Boer side.

Mr. Davis denied that his visit to Prereasons for believing that any dog or dogs within the District are mrd, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to issue a proclamation requiring that all dogs shall, for a period to be defined in the proclamation, wear good substantial muzzles, securely put on so as to prevent them from snapping or biting; and any dog going at large during the period defined by the Commissioners without such muzzle shall be taken by the Poundanter.

riod of six months, or a year, or any stated time." said Mr. Evans, "but, as I con-

Commissioners three months ago that dogs had been captured showing symptoms re-sembling those of hydrophobia and the muzzle order was immediately issued. Today the appeal of thousands of citizens brings it to their attention that the disstanged out and it is their right and duty to allow the muzzles to be taken off.
"According to the latest statistics." Mr. Evans continued, "there are 13,000 dogs in

"According to the latest statistics." Mr. Evans continued, "there are 13,600 dogs in the District, and 9,000 of them are tagged and well cared for. Is it reasonable that this great number, of dogs should be made to suffer simply because the Health. Department says that ten of the 13,000 animals, during a period extending over three months have been infected with rabies, a disease which is not incidental to hydrophobia? There is positively no occasion for a continued enforcement of the law."

At the mass meeting which is to be held by citizens at National Rifles Armory, Friday and night, when formal action will be taken with a view to a repeal of the muzzle ordinance, resolutions will also be offered endorsing the application of the Washington Humane Society to the District Commissioners for control of the dog.

zle ordinance, resolutions will also be of-fered endorsing the application of the Washington Humane Society to the Dis-trict Commissioners for control of the dog President Pratt, of the Humane Society.

aid this morning that in all probability refuge for sick animals would be estab-ished by the society near the dog pound providing its request is granted. This owever, has not been definitely decided

"It will be necessary to construct new wilding," said Mr. Pratt, "for we desire to introduce more humane methods for sheltering the captured animals."

A SENSATIONAL ENQUIRY.

Mr. Gallinger's Resolution to Investigate the Dog-Muzzle Order. Mr. Gallinger today introduced in the enate the following resolution, which vas agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia is hereby directed to take careful enquiry and investigation as the necessity of further continuing the uzzling of dogs in the District of Columbia, report to be made to the Senate at the earliest practicable day, showing when and by whom the order was issued, the alleged reason for the order, and upon what ground it is being kept in force."

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT.

seventeen Dogs Alleged to Have Had Rabies.

Dr. William C. Woodward, Health Officer f the District, has submitted to the Commissioners a report on the number of cases of rables from January 1 to March 25.

He says the records of the Health Department show that seventeen dogs have been reported as Jufferlag from symptoms

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nbling those of rables. In each inanimal so suffering has been submitted to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Agricultural Department for examination, Dr. Woodward says that reports have been received in ten cases, showing that

the diagnosis was correct, and that each dog was suffering from rables. Seven cases, he says, have not been reported on. Attention is called to the fact that no negative reports were submitted. Dr. Woodward is of the opinion that this does not indicate the absence of rables in the animals not reported upon, but only that the results of the examination were not positive, and that a report upon them could not be promptly made. Negative results, he says, might arise from failure of examination was a superior or the says. examining experiment or from not waiting long enough for the reaction to manife

VIEWS OF WEBSTER DAVIS.

He Believes the War in South Africa Will Be Prolonged.

NEW YORK, March 28.-Webster Da vis, the Assitset Secretary of the Interior, the only American official, except the military attaches, who said Mr. Evans, "before he can recind Boers and the British in Natal, arrived in the order. I am of the opinion that the New York this morning on the steamship

Aller from Genoa, Italy.

Mr. Davis left Pretoria about February
12, after having spent several weeks as a
guest of the Boer Republic. He made the
trip from Lourenco Marques to Pretoria
in President Kruger's private car, and was
treated hossitably by the Boers, being

toria had any official significance, and that he was an emissary of President McKin-ley. He declared that his journey was merely a vacation, and that he wanted to see his old friend, the Consul General of the United States at Cape Town, Mr.

commissioners without such muzzle shart of taken by the Poundmaster and imounded."

"The law does not read that it is the uty of the Commissioners to define a pelod of six mofths, or a year, or any stated time," said Mr. Evans, "but, as I concive it, simply compels them to order the se of muzzles on dogs so long as there is langer of hydrophobia. It is certainly within their power to reseind the order if hey can be convinced that the disease toes not exist.

"It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners three months ago that dogs the convention of the Commissioners three months ago that dogs that he saw Cronle, Joubert, and Steyn that he saw Cronle, Joubert, and Steyn which was alleged to have been obtained which was alleged to have been obtained which was alleged to have been obtained from him it fally and in which he was made to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied a published interview which was alleged to have been obtained from him it fally and in which he was made to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied a published interview which was alleged to have been obtained from him it fally and in which he was made to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied a published interview which was alleged to have been obtained from him it fally and in which he was made to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied that his mission was in any way a Governmental one. He said that when he reached Cape Town he had no lids of going to the transval, but the republic was so near that he decided to ex'end his trip. When he reached Delagon Bay President William is some and the properly. He also denied that he was made to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied to say that the British did not bury their dead properly. He also denied to say that the British did not have he had no lids of going to their d He also denied a published interview

while in South Africa Mr. Davis says that he saw Cronje, Joubert, and Steyn and found them all abic men. He also met Generals Roberts and Kitchener along the Modder River and spent some time in their camp. At that time they had about 65,000 men with them. Mr. Davis was guarded in his answers to questions as to whether or not the Boers were entitled to sympathy from this country. from this country.

"My opinion, even after hearing of the recent British victories, is that the war will be prolonged and sanguipary and that after the capitulation of the republic a guerrfila warfare will follow indefinitely Mr. Davis left for Washington immediately after the arrival of the steamship

PAYNE HELD RESPONSIBLE.

oroner's Jury Charges an Alexandrin Man With Murder.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 28.-A coro-er's jury was this morning summoned by proner Purvis to investigate the circun stances attending the death of Thomas Bryant, colored, who was shot last night by Frank, alias "Nooks" Payne. The jury met at 10:30 o'clock at Demaine's undertaking establishment. Dr. Martin Delaney and Dr. William Purvis, who conducted the rest empeter experience testification. to the condition of the body. It was stat-ed that there was one bullet wound in the region of the abdominal cavity just below the last ribs." The left kidney was punc-

After hearing some other testimony th After hearing some other testimony the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that the death of Bryant was caused by a bullet wound inflicted by Frank Payne. Payne was placed under arrest and charged with the murder, and Dennis Car-

er, Lewis Carrington, and Edward Ware were arrested and charged with being ac-cessories. At the examination before Mayor Simpson Ware was dismissed from eustody, but the others were Lond for the

THE SMALLPOX PATIENT

District Health Officials Fear the Contagion May Spread.

Precautions to Be Taken to Guard Against an Epidemic of the Disease-The Malady Prevalent in Louisiana-Trains Arriving From the South to Be Rigidly Inspected.

There were no new developments this orning in the smallpox case brought here m New Orleans in a car bringing horses o the Benning race track. Wycher, the patient who was taken to the pesthouse erday, is a yery sick man, the cas saving developed into a malignant form

It was learned this morning by the isted as to whether all the men in the car with Wycher had been corralled and taken o the detention camp. The car was a com bination arrangement, having the horses in one end and quarteres for the men in the sixteen men, the number supposed to have been in the car. Of these thirteen and the atient, making fourteen are accounted for y the Heath Department, and are under tention. The other two, if there were ixteen in the car, are at large or have

eft town. It has been learned that smallpox has It has been learned that smallpox has been practically epidemic in New Orleans and other parts of Louisiana since last December, and that the District of Columbia is now suffering from the plain negligence of health officers in New Orleans. From December 31 to March 13, there were 500 cases of smallpox reported to the Health Department of New Orleans, of which 142 died

One of the men on the car said to a realth officer that the figures of the San-tary Department in New Orleans do not egin to represent the extent of the dis ase. According to his statements many ases are not reported, specially those of a light form. The man said that the city and the parishes outside were full of mallpox, and that it was spreading and rowing worse.
From official figures published by the

From official figures published by the United States Marine Hospital Service it is shown that in St. Landry Parish, just outside of New Orleans, between December 31 and March 13, 782 cases of smallpox were reported with 27 deaths. In Shreveport during the same period there were 149 cases and 10 deaths. These there were 149 cases and 10 deaths. These figures show that conditions are had where Wycher and his companions came from, and, as Dr. Woodward said this morning, should have led to some sort of inspection of the car before it left New Orleans. Among the other precautions instituted by the Health Department here is a rigid nspection of all cars coming to the race track, especially from the South. It is also probable that all cars bringing freight oday before they are allowed to enter the

SENT TO THE WORKHOUSE. Walter Hurdle Sentenced as a Va-

grant. Walter, alias "Spider" Hurdle, was this orning sentenced by Judge Scott to serve hirty days in the workhouse after plead

ng not gullty to a charge of vagrancy Hurdle was complained against by Policeman Howard, of the Eighth precinc on suspicton of being the man who at-D. Posten, 1212 T Street northwest, about

10:30 o'clock Monday night. Mr. Posten discovered the man attempting to force an entrance and dropped a brick on his head from a second-story window. Though stunned and knocked down the man escaped before Mr. Posten could get down stairs. There was no evidence against Hurdle

which connected him with the attempted housebreaking, and his head showed no sign of having been struck by a brick. Hurdle was brought into court, however, and as there was not sufficient evidence to convict him of attempted housebreaking, he was sent down as a vagrant.

ACCUSED BY THE VICTIM.

Three Men Held on a Charge of

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 28 .- De ective Branagan yesterday arrested Edward Whittington, "Bose" Whittington, and Norris Kelley and put them in jail here on a charge of highway robbery. These men are accused of having waylaid Samuel Estop near Montgomery and hav-ing beaten him into insensibility a few nights ago, after which, it is alleged, they abbed him of what money he had.

each. They are now in jail here. Their victim may recover. All the men arrested are said to have bad records. JOHN J. COYLE ACQUITTED. A Verdict of Not Guilty in the Brib-

nen arrested were suspected, and after

hey were arrested the old man identified

ery Case. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28.-Although the finding of the jury leaked out luring the night, there were many persons in Judge Simonton's court this morning mer Senator John J. Coyle for an alleged attempt to bribe Representative John Engler, of Lycoming county, was formally prosecutor. There was some doubt in the minds of the jurors as to the particular identity of the prosecutor, and Judge Si-monton asked the jury whom they meant. Former Sheriff William Sheesley, of this city, a member of the jury, replied: "That association in Philadelphia," evidently meaning the Business Men's League. Afwas agreed to be hardly fair to require the

was agreed to be hardly fair to require the jurors to settle the question.

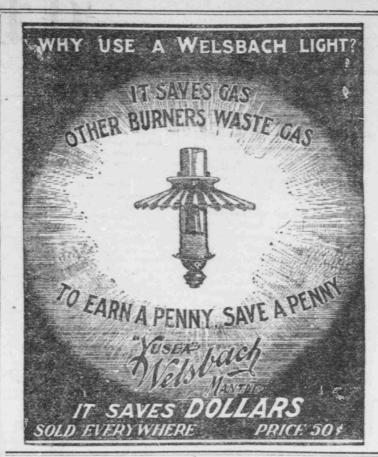
Finally, the court discharged the jury without any more definite understanding than that the committee appointed by the House of Representatives to prosecute the case was the responsible prosecutor in the matter of costs. C. He is not altogether pleased with the vertical.

RASKET MAKERS IN SESSION.

Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 28 .- The As ciation of National Basket Manufactur ers held a business and social reunion a Dover yesterday, Vice President S. I. Pratt, of Penn Yan, N. Y., presided, and Secretary and Treasurer R. G. Williams, of Northampton, Mass., was also there Among others in attendance were William Among others in attendance were William T. Kuhns, Baltimore; A. W. Robinson, Sharptown, Md.; W. E. Trenchard, Chestertown, Md.; Joseph D. Scott, Wellington, Md.; E. G. Davis, Willards, Md.; J. W. Swing, Ridgely. C. W. Johnson, Lewes; John H. Layton, Frankford; O. J. Franklin, of Harrington, and several from New York. York.

The question of an increase in the cos Easy to operate—is true only of Hood's Pills, the best, miklest, safest cathartic ever offered the people. Preof materials entering into basket making was discussed and the executive committee



PRESAGING OTIS' RETURN

Philippine Army Changes Regarded as Significant.

ecretary Root's Conference With the New Insular Commission-Inereased Activity Against the Rebels Anticipated-MacArthur Likely to Succeed the Present Commander

When Secretary Root late yesterday aftrnoon announced the abolition of the Department of the Pacific and Eighth Army Corps and issued orders establishing the 'Division of the Pacific," it was the first official step toward relieving General Otis

The new division will be sub-divided into The new division will be sub-divided into 7 to 9; speed dictation. 65 H st. nw. four departments to be commanded by prominent officers now under General Otis as follows: Department of Northern Luzon Gen, Arthur MacArthur; Department of partment of the Visayas, Col, Robert P Hughes, and Department of Mindanao and Jolo, Col. William A. Kobbe.

In addition to issuing the order sub-diiding the work of the campaign in the Philippines, Secretary Root also had an nterview with the members of the new noon, and it is said, discussed the question establishing civil government in the islands. According to a well-informed Army officer the sub-dividing of the military Department of the Pacific means that General Otis will be relieved of his command upon the arrival of the Philippine Commissioners at Manila. It is said that ernment may be established as soon a

While General Otis will be in nomina command of the Department of the Pa cific, he will be relieved of the many mi-nor details of campaigns which, his friends claim, have proved so harassing to him and have undermined his health.

The minor officers of the various departments will be under the supervision

said to have proved so galling to many o

of his power, will prove very popular with the Army in the Philippines, and will re-sult in increased efforts by the depart-ment commanders in subduing the rebels within their territory.

The successor to General Otis in the com-mand of the Department of the Pacific it.

mand of the Department of the Pacific is said, has not yet been selected, but it is believed that it will be General Arthur MacArthur, who is a major general of volunteers and the ranking officer after General Otis. The name of Brigadier General S. B. M. Young, who is the colonel of the Third Cavalry and a most energetic officer, has also been mentioned, but it i believed that the command will be first of-lered to MacArthur.

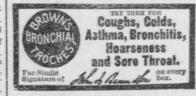
The confidence of Secretary Root in Gen-

eral MacArthur's ability is shown by the fact that he was made commander of the Department of Northern Luzon, which is the most important of the four new divi-sions. Aguinaldo is believed to be in hiding in that part of the country and the mountainous section still swarms with armed insurgents who, in small bands, are preying upon the peaceable natives. Gen submitted. It found the defendant not guilty, but divides the costs, amounting to at least \$3,000, between Coyle and the to capture Aguinaldo. The question of civil government for his department will be de cided after the Philippine Commissi

Army Orders Issued.

Leave of absence for four months on certificate of disability is granted Second Lie Walter S. Volkmar, Fourth Artillery.

Major Francis F. Payson, paymaster, is assigned temporary duty in this city,



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT of the condition of the UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSUE. ANCE COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL on the 21st day of December, 1899, as required by act of Congress approved July 29, 1892;

ASSETS.

\$7,240,882 40 LIABILITIES. \$7,240,882 40

EDUCATIONAL.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE A MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE dogs will be held at the National Rifles Armory, Friday evening, March 30, at 8 o'clock. All attend and bring with you your signed petition against the muzzle or-der GEORGE W. EVANS. mch27.3tem

1411 H st. nw. to 511 13th st. nw. The electrical and Sprague hot-air apparatus are installed. By special arrangement with the Sprague Company charges reduced to \$3. Skilled masseur in attendance. Separate hours for ladies. Office bours, 10 months, 100

"Your laundry, sir." Spring Laundering. TOLMAN STEAM LAUNDRY

99" for Colds. AT ATKINSON'S, Eleventh and G.

Corner Sixth and C Sts. N.W.

Pressmen's Appliention Refused. President Gompers of the American Fed-eration of Labor has just given out by request the decision of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor made Brotherhood of Printing Pressmen to place the "Chicago News" and "Chicago Record" upon the unfair list. The execu-tive council refused to endorse the appli-

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold.

Spain Wants Our Machinery,

Oriental Carpets and Rugs at auction this day at H a. m. and 8 p. m. 'Ailliams & Co.'s sales-rooms, corner Tenth and Ps. Ave. northwest. Don't fail to attend.

Deafness of 12 Years' Standing .-

DIED.

HUYETT—On Tuesday, March 27, 1900, at his residence, 112 A st. ne., EUGENE T. HUYETT, in the fifty-third year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, Thursday, March 29, 10 o'clock a. m. Relatives and friends in-

vited. Winebester and Berryville, Va., papers please copy.

COLEMAN—On March 27, 1900, at her residence, 716 1st st. sw., MALINDA COLEMAN, beloved aunt of Amelia Robinson, aged 103 years.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.
Faneral will take place Friday, March 20, from Rehoboth Baptist Church, 1st st., bet. N and O sw., at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ROONEY—On March 27, 1900, at 8:10 p. m., after a long inness, William, beloved husband of Nellie Rooney (nee Buckley).

Notice of teneral bereafter.

BROSNAHAN—At 1:15 a. m. March 27, 1900, MICHAEL BROSNAHAN, of County Kerry, Ireland, beloved husband of the late Hanora Brosnahan, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Funcral from his late residence, 812 7th st. ne., Thursday, March 29, at 9 o'clock a. m., thence to Roly Name Church, where requiem high mass will be said at 9:30 a. m.. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.